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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9850

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CPRS, JM

SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: ORVILLE CEPHAS

REF: STATE 298712

1. MINEXTAFF HAS TRANSMITTED BY DIP NOTE FOLLOWING
MEMORANDUM IT RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
PROSECUTIONS (NON-ESSENTIAL PORTIONS DELETED):

"CEPHAS APPLIED FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WHICH
WAS DISMISSED...ON 31ST DECEMBER 1975. BECAUSE OF
THE DECISION IT IS OPEN TO TRY CEPHAS IN JAMAICA
OR INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO HAVE HIM DELIVERED TO
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

"IT IS MUCH MORE CONVENIENT TO TRY CEPHAS IN
AMERICA BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE A JOINT TRIAL WITH
THE CO-ACCUSED MELVIN WINT FOR THE MURDER OF
DOUGLAS SLACK. BECAUSE OF THIS COULD YOU PLEASE
ASK THE AMERICAN EMBASSY...TO MAKE THE FORMAL REQUEST
WHICH THEY INDICATED WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO JAMAICA
AS SOON AS THE FULL DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED FROM
THE UNITED STATES.

"...CEPHAS HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE THE 30TH OF
NOVEMBER AND ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN NECESSARY TO
ARREST HIM ON THE PROVISIONAL WARRANT AS REQUESTED
IN THE NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY DATED 18TH DECEMBER, IT
IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE FULL DOCUMENTATION IN THIS
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CASE SO THAT PROCEEDINGS CAN BE STARTED NOT LATER

THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH. PLEASE STRESS TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS ESSENTIAL EMBASSY RECEIVE AUTHENTICATED EXTRADITION PAPERS BY JANUARY 15. GIVEN INORDINATE DELAYS BEING EXPERIENCED INNDELIVERY OF UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES, SUGGEST EXTRADITION PAPERS BE REGISTERED AND SENT BY CLASSIFIED COURIER WHICH TRANSITS KINGSTON JANUARY 15. THIS REQUIRES NON-SCHEDULED AIRPORT EXCHANGE, WHICH WE WILL ARRANGE THIS END. PLEASE NOTIFY EMBASSY OF DELIVERY SYSTEM TO BE USED, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS ONE SUGGESTED ABOVE.

3. CEPHAS IS ONE OF THREE PENDING EXTRADITION CASES EMBASSY WORKING ON. WE WOULD LIKE TO "BRING THEM ALL HOME". OUR POTENTIAL SUCCESS WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY ABILITY TO DELIVER IN TIMELY FASHION ON CEPHAS.
GERARD

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